

SUBCOMMITTEE: HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES

HOUSE BILL NO. 1891

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on/for _____

on _____)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate James)

A BILL to amend and reenact § 63.2-505.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to eligibility for food stamps;
drug-related felonies.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 63.2-505.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 63.2-505.2. Eligibility for food stamps; drug-related felonies.**

A person who is otherwise eligible to receive food stamp benefits shall be exempt from the application of ~~section § 115(a) of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, P.L. 104-193, and shall not be denied such assistance solely because he has been convicted of a~~ drug-related felony offense of possession of a controlled substance in violation of § 18.2-250 other than a felony violation of subsection H1 or H2 of § 18.2-248, provided such person he (i) is complying or has complied with, or has already complied with, all obligations imposed by the criminal court, (ii) is actively engaged in or has completed a substance abuse treatment program, (iii) participates in periodic drug screenings, and (iv) is complying or has complied with any other obligations as determined by the Department.

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